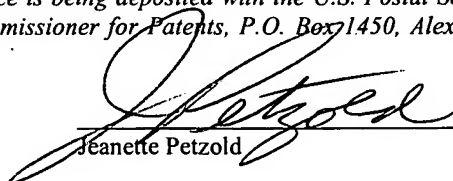




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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Jeanette Petzold

Applicant : Michael Adam  
Application No. : 10/667,248  
Filed : September 17, 2003  
Title : BONE FIXING SYSTEM

Confirmation No. 23363

Grp./Div. : 3733  
Examiner : Mary C. Hoffman

Docket No. : 51082/M881

Commissioner for Patents  
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Post Office Box 7068  
Pasadena, CA 91109-7068  
January 26, 2006

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated October 6, 2005 for one month from **January 6, 2006 to February 6, 2006**.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60	\$ 120	\$120
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 225	\$ 450	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 510	\$ 1020	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 795	\$1590	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1080	\$2160	\$

Submitted herewith is a check for \$120 to cover the cost of the extension.

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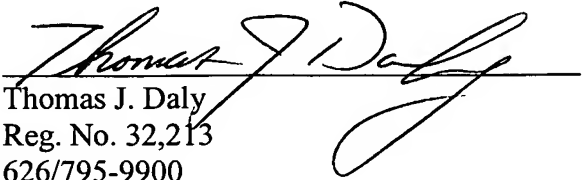
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**Petition for Extension of Time**  
**Application No. 10/667,248**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

By   
Thomas J. Daly  
Reg. No. 32,213  
626/795-9900

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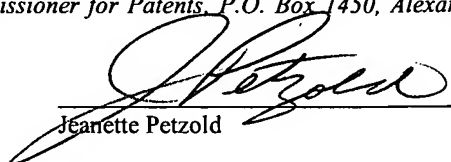
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Confirmation No. 1126

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Docket No. : 51082/M881

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Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	27	* 20	7	x \$25.00	x \$50.00	\$350.00
Independent Claims	4	** 3	0	x \$100.00	x \$200.00	200.00
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$180.00	\$360.00	0
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$550.00
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 23, 24, 25						
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME						

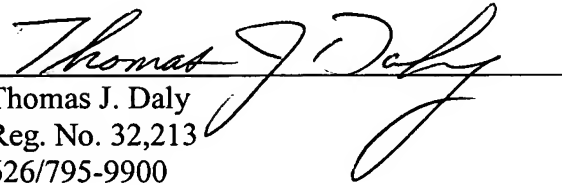
**Amendment Transmittal Letter**  
**Application No. 10/667,248**

X Attached is our check for \$550 to pay the fees calculated above.  
X A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.  
X Other enclosures: Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

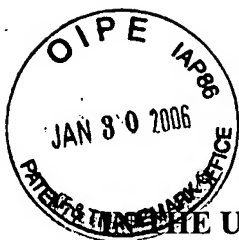
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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of October 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are reflected on page 8.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a replacement Abstract is attached following page 11 of this paper.

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